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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761
Attention: Courtney Avery, Administrator

Re: Letter of Support for Premier Cardiac Surgery Center (CON Project 17-058)

Dear Board Members:

I am currently serving as the Vice-President of American MRI, Inc. Our diagnostic imaging facility serves the varied medical imaging needs (ie, MRI, CT, Xray, Ultrasound) in the Chicago proper and suburban markets.

I am writing to express our support for the certificate of need (CON) permit application submitted by Premier Cardiac Surgery Center (PCSC). We ask the members of the State Board to approve this project and grant PCSC a permit to establish an ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC) in Merrionette Park, Illinois that will provide for an alternative to hospital-based care. As the Board knows, surgery centers operate at significantly lower cost than hospitals while offering commensurate quality of services. Patients and payors both benefit from these centers.

We kindly request that you approve this application. We believe the project is both necessary and in the best interest of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brent Coan, V.P.
American MRI, Inc.